

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - APRIL 14, 2010

PRESENT: Marshall, Cordeiro, Parella, Barboza, and Herreshoff

ALSO PRESENT: Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator  
Michael A. Ursillo, Esq., Town Solicitor  
Marshall J. Netto, Town Sergeant

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening, April 14, 2010 in the Town Hall, Council Chambers, beginning at 7:12 o'clock PM, Council Chairman Marshall presiding:

Prior to the commencement of this evening's regular agenda, Council Chairman Marshall introduced Fire Chief Martin concerning the ongoing flood recovery efforts. Fire Chief Martin noted the presence of Albert Ferri, Program Specialist for the Disaster Assistance Division of FEMA Region I.

Mr. Ferri noted that he was a resident of Bristol and that the FEMA command center was organized in the new Fire and Rescue Station on Annawamscutt Drive. Mr. Ferri explained that he was available to answer questions and also that additional FEMA personnel were present to answer questions.

Mr. Ferri noted that FEMA "does great work but writes bad letters" and explained that those persons receiving denial of claim letters should carefully examine the reasons for the denial. He also noted that the reason for the denial may be missing information, etc.

Mr. Ferri also suggested that those persons with claims should visit the recovery center at the fire station and that the personnel assigned at the center will provide personal assistance to those with claims.

Mr. Ferri noted that the first line of the recovery is the responsibility of the local, state, and voluntary agencies and that FEMA will assist, for example, in the case of no insurance coverage.

Mr. Ferri repeated that those with denial letters, those having difficulty making claims, and/or those persons with questions should visit the recovery center. He also noted that FEMA is legislated by congress to help those persons who are victims of the disaster to become safe, sanitary and functional. He noted that it is not the responsibility of FEMA to cover all damages.

Councilman Cordeiro asked to know if those with flood damage are applying to FEMA for grant funding or for low interest

loans with Mr. Ferri responding that the process begins with a loan application and that the application may be satisfied by FEMA with an outright grant depending upon the circumstances of the claim.

Mr. Ferri also explained that the funds available for loss of personal property may be subject to an "income test" as to whether or not it would be covered by a FEMA grant.

Councilman Barboza noted that he had personal experience making an application for loss suffered by his parents and that the FEMA staff responded very quickly and efficiently.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she was pleased to observe that the FEMA organization was readily accessible and available for public assistance. Councilwoman Parella also stated that some members of the public are "frustrated" with the process since they believe that FEMA will "make whole" the losses suffered; she also asked to know if persons with high credit scores are required to pay a higher rate of interest on the SBA loans versus those with poor credit scores. Mr. Ferri reported that this is the case since it is the responsibility of FEMA to get as much assistance possible to those persons in need. He also noted that taxpayer dollars cannot be used to repair swimming pools, fences, garages, etc., and that only those things relative to safety, sanitation and basic functionality can be considered. He also reported that persons in the Town of Bristol had already received grants of \$286,983.44 from a total of 320 applications for aid.

Carl W. Sherrill, representing the SBA noted that although his agency is responsible to help small businesses, eighty percent (80%) of those served during this emergency will be homeowners and renters. He suggested that those in need should file an application for assistance or call 1-800-621-FEMA in order to speak to a case worker.

He further noted that the loan application should be viewed as a "gateway" to possible Federal Assistance.

Mr. Sherrill further explained the rates of interest charged noting that those persons who have poor credit ratings may be assessed a rate of 2.625% and those with good ratings will be assessed a rate of 5.25%. He further noted that the system is designed to get as much help to as many persons as possible.

Councilwoman Parella noted that Mr. Sherrill appeared on radio talk shows and that the information provided was very

useful. Councilwoman Parella also commended the FEMA and SBA personnel for their availability to the public.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he was pleased that the FEMA and SBA personnel arrived very quickly.

Mr. Sherrill reported that his agency has approved loans totaling over \$1 million.

Special Recognition re Flood Emergency

Council Chairman Marshall noted that although there was considerable damage in Town, he understood that it could have been much worse. He also explained that the Council was pleased that many persons willingly participated in the recovery efforts and that he wished to extend the gratitude of the Town.

Council Chairman Marshall read the following "open statement" into the record:

*"Open Statement to the Citizens of Bristol*

*The events of the past few weeks during and after what might be termed the Great Floods of 2010, it has become very apparent that there are many people deserving of the finest possible thanks and grateful recognition for their participation in the recovery effort.*

*It must be noted that each and every person involved in this great effort, volunteers and professionals alike, clearly and unselfishly assumed their various roles out of their concern for their fellow human beings and the wonderful community that we all share. Every functional department in this Town stepped up to the plate in its own best way and pitched in to do whatever possible to help our citizens; Employees and volunteers worked side-by-side, neighbors helped neighbors, and business owners put their own interests aside and provided their machinery and expertise.*

*Without a doubt, the list of contributors to this herculean effort continues to unfold as we continue in this recovery phase; and this Council stands ready to thank each and every one. It may be impossible, however, to know and name all of the heroes and our "thank you," no matter how heart-felt, may never do justice to the accomplishment.*

*For now, on behalf of all of us sitting here and also on behalf of everyone in our Town, please accept our sincerest thanks and utmost gratitude for a job well done."*

Councilman Barboza asked to know how many basements were pumped-out by the Fire Department with Fire Chief Martin responding that there were in excess of 350 thus far.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that the new Fire Department headquarters building was pressed into service housing the FEMA and SBA recovery offices. He also noted that the use was coincidentally well timed with the need for a good "command center."

Town Administrator Mederos agreed that the completion of the building was extremely timely and that the space available at the new building was well-suited to the needs of the emergency recovery center.

Councilman Cordeiro stated that he was gratified to know that the recovery center was in Bristol and that the recovery efforts were working smoothly.

Commendations:

Mt. Hope High School Boys' Winter Varsity Ice Hockey, 2010  
Division III State Championship

Council Chairman Marshall read the following Commendation into the record:

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Town of Bristol  
Commendation  
awarded to

Mt. Hope High School  
Boy's Winter Ice Hockey Varsity (2009-2010)

in recognition of their achievement in winning the  
Division III State Championship.

As the duly elected representatives of the citizens of the Town of Bristol we hereby recognize and commend these participants of the Mt. Hope High School Boy's Winter Ice Hockey - Varsity (2009-2010) upon their great success and extend the heartfelt congratulations of an appropriately proud community:

Players : Jon Belmore, Edward Botelho, Alex Copeland,  
Justin Correia, Alexander Curry, Craig DaPonte, Ross S.  
Dexter, Gian DiMezza, Christopher Dugan, William Egge,  
Mitchell Francis,  
Christopher Harrington, Jeremy Lombardi, Scott MacGovern,  
Dylan Micheletti, Zachary Minior,  
Kevin Nerone, Jarred P. Resendes, Nicholas Salzano, Timothy  
E. Santos, Tyler Silva, Steven Vaccaro, Jordan Viera

Head Coach: Matthew Grieve      Assistant Coach: Kyle Mello

Team Volunteer: Bryan Pacinisco

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our  
hand and affixed the seal of the Town of  
Bristol on adoption this 14th day of April,  
A. D. Two-thousand ten.

/s/ Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator  
/s/ Kenneth A. Marshall, Council Chairman  
/s/ Raymond Cordeiro, Council Vice-chairman  
/s/ Mary A. Parella, Councilwoman  
/s/ David E. Barboza, Councilman  
/s/ Halsey C. Herreshoff, Councilman  
Attest: /s/ Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Town Clerk

Mt. Hope High School Robotics

Council Chairman Marshall read the following commendation  
into the record:

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
Town of Bristol  
Commendation

awarded to

Mt. Hope High School - 2010 Robotics Teams

in recognition of their achievement in winning

Awards at the Rhode Island TSA Event; the Rhode Island FTC  
Regional Competition; the Massachusetts FTC Regional  
Competition and the  
New Jersey FTC Regional Competition.

As the duly elected representatives of the citizens of the  
Town of Bristol we hereby recognize and commend these  
participants of the Mt. Hope High School 2010 Robotics Teams

upon their great success and extend the heartfelt  
congratulations of an appropriately proud community:

"The Underdogs" Alexander Curry, Kevin Reilly, Keegan  
White-O'Brien, Spencer Dennis,  
Mitchell Contente, Alexander Sparfven, Nathan LaBonte, Chace  
Medeiros, Michael Ferrara

"Paws of Steele" Kyle Porto, Joseph Silvia, Emily  
VanSchalkwyk, Cassidy McCord, Matthew Johnson, Diego Morales

Teacher/Advisor: Ryan Garrity

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hand and affixed the seal of the Town of  
Bristol on adoption this 14th day of April,  
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/s/ Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator  
/s/ Kenneth A. Marshall, Council Chairman  
/s/ Raymond Cordeiro, Council Vice-chairman  
/s/ Mary A. Parella, Councilwoman  
/s/ David E. Barboza, Councilman  
/s/ Halsey C. Herreshoff, Councilman

Attest: /s/ Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Town Clerk

Mr. Garrity, team teacher and advisor informed the Council  
that the Mt. Hope High School robotics program was in its  
fourth year and that the program receives private donations  
from area businesses, Rotary, etc.

Mr. Garrity also informed the Council that the "robot" was  
designed to project a three (3) inch whiffle ball into an  
area of twelve (12) square feet. He also noted that each  
competition was progressive with the team gaining greater  
proficiency with each succeeding session.

Councilman Cordeiro asked to know the number of teams  
competing with Mr. Garrity responding that there were forty-  
seven (47) teams in all.

Kevin Reilly, one of the team members, explained the program  
from the student's perspective.

Also, Council Chairman Marshall offered his congratulations  
to the 2010 Fourth of July Chief Marshal, Dudley Hallagan.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that Mt. Hope High School  
Senior Abigail Carney received a national award for  
sculpture. He added that Ms. Carney will be attending Roger

Williams University in the fall as recipient of the Payson Scholarship.

Councilman Barboza noted recent *Bristol Phoenix* "prank" articles that appeared on April 1. He assured those present that the Fourth of July Parade will not be relocated to Metacom Avenue, that the Cove Cabin at Mount Hope Farm was not sold to a local developer, that the new Fire Department headquarters building will not be named in honor of a liquor store and also that the annual Fourth of July Carnival will not be held on the Town Common for fifty (50) weeks this year. Councilman Barboza categorized these articles as being in bad taste and insulting particularly in light of the recent concern for the local flood victims and the devastating damage to some Town property.

Councilman Barboza also noted that the aforementioned new noise meter had arrived and that training had begun in the use of same.

Councilwoman Parella extended the condolences of the Council to Water Pollution Control Superintendent Calderiso and Director of Community Development Williamson upon the passing of Supt. Calderiso's mother, Mrs. Marie Calderiso, and Director Williamson's father, Mr. Frederick Louis Schultze.

Council Chairman Marshall also noted the passing of former Bristol Chief of Police Frank Brown, Jr.

Council Chairman Marshall also suggested that the Council should consider the matter of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee's resolution re the Education Commissioner's funding formula and that this matter might be discussed in combination with agenda item K9.

**MOTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA - TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Cordeiro/Herreshoff - Voted  
unanimously to approve the Consent  
Agenda withholding agenda item R25  
combining same with agenda item  
K12.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Barboza suggested that agenda item R25 might be withheld for further consideration in combination with agenda item K12.

**A. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)**

1. Town Council Meeting - March 3, 2010

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to approve these  
minutes as prepared and presented.

2. Town Council Special Meeting - March 11, 2010

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to approve these  
minutes as prepared and presented.

3. Town Council Special Meeting - March 20, 2010

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to approve these  
minutes as prepared and presented.

4. Town Council Meeting - March 24, 2010

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to approve these  
minutes as prepared and presented.

**(CA) AA. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES-Boards and Commissions**

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place  
these items on file."**

1. North and East Burial Grounds Commission -  
February 1, 2010
2. Harbor Commission - March 1, 2010
3. Substance Abuse Prevention Task Force -  
February 3, 2010
4. Harbor Commission - April 5, 2010
5. Historic District Commission - March 4, 2010
6. Conservation Commission - January 4, 2010
7. Conservation Commission - February 1, 2010
8. Conservation Commission - March 15, 2010

**B. OLD BUSINESS**



1. Lane Sparkman, Coordinator, Sense of Pride - presentation re the Mosaico Sense of Pride Program, **continued from March 24, 2010**

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to receive and place this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Ms. Sparkman informed the Council that the Sense of Pride program was in its tenth year and that the goal of the program is to instill in fourth grade students appreciation for the built and natural history, social fabric, etc. of the Town with a focus on preservation and respect.

Ms. Sparkman also noted the program was recently expanded to include Warren students and that there is a working relationship between Sense of Pride, Save Bristol Harbor and Roger Williams University.

Ms. Sparkman also reported that another goal of the program is to engage parents along with the student participants.

Councilwoman Parella noted that she often sees the students in their brightly-colored T-shirts and she agrees that Sense of Pride is a "great program."

Ms. Sparkman thanked the Council for its support of the program and reported that the response from both teachers and parents has been very positive.

Councilman Cordeiro congratulated Mosaico upon the success of the program and that he was pleased to see the students "out and about."

2. Frank R. Vento, Sr., 16 Charlotte Drive - request for abandonment of a portion of Leahy Drive, **continued from March 24, 2010**

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Solicitor and also to continue same until the meeting of May 5, 2010.

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson reported that this matter has been essentially "on-hold" since the last meeting.

Mr. Vento provided copies of the Assessor's worksheet for the subject property and noted that the Town considers the residence to be a two-family structure.

Mr. Vento informed the Council that he was of the opinion that he was granted a two-family and that he "cannot accept" the proviso that both families in the residence must be blood relatives.

Mr. Vento alleged that the subject portion of Leahy Drive is not useful to the Town and again requested that it should be abandoned in his favor. He also noted that he has plans and an aerial view of the property.

Councilman Barboza noted that Mr. Vento will still have insufficient land for a two-family residence within his zone if the Council were to abandon that portion of Leahy Drive.

Town Solicitor Ursillo agreed to meet with Mr. Vento and asked Mr. Vento to bring his various documents to Town Hall for review.

3. Councilman Herreshoff re additional LNG hearing, **continued from March 24, 2010**

a. Council Clerk Cirillo to Marcia MacClary, Director Public Affairs, Weaver's Cove Energy re schedule a question and answer forum concerning Weaver's Cove LNG project

b. Councilman Herreshoff re LNG Debate

**Late Item**

c. Marcia MacClary, Director of Public Affairs, Weaver's Cove Energy to Council Clerk Cirillo re request for written list of questions prior to scheduling of meeting

Parella/Barboza - Voted unanimously to authorize the Clerk and the Chairman to arrange a meeting with the Weaver's Cove representatives.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff noted that the previous meeting was productive with the Weaver's Cove representatives responding to questions as posed by the Council and the public at large.

Councilman Herreshoff also explained that it did not appear to be satisfactory for the next meeting to be overly structured with all questions provided in advance since this would not be "deliberative."

Councilman Herreshoff also stated that the idea to have all questions provided in advance did not appear to be practical since it would be difficult to obtain questions in advance from the public.

Councilman Barboza noted that the Weaver's Cove representatives seemed to have little difficulty responding to questions during the previous meeting and that the same would be true for the next meeting.

Council Chairman Marshall suggested that the Town might provide some questions in advance and reserve the right to ask additional questions at the meeting.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that the next meeting might be held at Roger Williams University or at Mt. Hope High School auditorium.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the next meeting might have a type of panel discussion and that Representative Gallison should be a panelist.

4. Save Bristol Harbor re special appropriation for LNG opposition, **continued from March 24, 2010**

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted  
unanimously to appoint Councilwoman  
Parella to work with Save Bristol  
Harbor, etc., in order to develop a  
plan for the matching funds.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilwoman Parella noted that she was of the opinion that the Council's 2010-2011 appropriation for this effort should match local funds only; these coming from Bristol citizens and businesses. She also stated that she saw this matching fund program as a means to get local people "involved" in the opposition.

Keith Maloney, representing Save Bristol Harbor, indicated that Save Bristol Harbor would work with Save The Bay on the matching program and he was aware that Save The Bay had written to the Clerk regarding this proposal. He also explained that Save the Bay has the organization to manage such a matching gift program.

The Clerk responded that he did receive correspondence from Save The Bay indicating that the organization saw the matching funds as a mechanism to attract additional donations for the cause. He noted, however, that the Council appeared to want some type of formal program with reporting on the success of the direct match. He further noted that the correspondence from Save The Bay seemed to lack the Council's desired formality.

Mr. Maloney agreed to meet with the Clerk in order to discuss the particulars of the matching gift program with the Clerk responding that it may be preferable for a Council member to assume this role, rather than the Clerk, since it was the Council's appropriation under consideration.

The Clerk also reported that the funds were part of the yet-to-be approved 2010-2011 budget and that these funds, if approved, would not be available until July 1, 2010; thus giving time to set a program satisfactory to the Council.

The Clerk also suggested that Councilwoman Parella would be well suited to represent the Council regarding this matter since she has some specific ideas as to how the matching gift program should be structured.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he would be pleased if Councilwoman Parella would help structure the program.

Mr. Maloney agreed to send an e-mail to Councilwoman Parella concerning this matter.

Councilman Barboza suggested that Save Bristol Harbor should develop a "road show" and ask to be placed on Town and City Council dockets around the State.

Mr. Maloney reported that the Save Bristol Harbor DVD was being re-configured with a voice over by a Broadway star. He also reported that there would be new photographs added to the presentation in the place of verbiage.

Mr. Maloney also reported that Save Bristol Harbor has a distribution list of approximately three hundred (300) organizations in Rhode Island including towns, yacht clubs, etc.

Councilman Cordeiro stated that perhaps Keith Stokes, director of the Rhode Island Economic Development Council, should be asked to participate since his presentation

regarding the impacts of the LNG tanker problem was very apropos.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that Mr. Stokes might be asked to provide closing remarks on the DVD.

BB. SPECIAL /STATUS REPORTS

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Ruth Vermilyea, d/b/a East Bay Consignment, 156 Bay View Avenue - request for a Junk and Second Hand Dealer's License to sell furniture consignments and used books

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to close the public hearing

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to grant this license per the recommendation received and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall opened the Public Hearing.

Speaking in favor of the petition was Ms. Vermilyea who informed the Council that she intends to sell "gently used" books and used furniture at this establishment.

There was no further remonstrance presented in favor or in opposition to this petition.

2. Karen A. Alegria, d/b/a King Philip Inn, 400 Metacom Avenue - request for transfer of BV Intoxicating Beverage License to Accommodating Corp., Joao DaSilva, a/k/a John DaSilva, d/b/a Up On The Roof Banquet Facility
  - a. John DaSilva, Accommodating Catering Corp., d/b/a Up On The Roof Banquet Facility, 400 Metacom Avenue - supplemental documents (application, sketch, and menu)

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to close the public  
hearing.

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to approve the transfer  
of this license based upon the  
recommendations received (requiring  
grease traps, etc.) and subject to  
conformance to all laws and  
ordinances and payment of all fees,  
taxes, and levies.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall opened  
the public hearing.

Speaking in favor of the transfer was Mr. DaSilva who  
informed the Council that he planned to operate a banquet  
room and also to be open for weekend brunch.

Mr. DaSilva also noted that he has an accounting background  
and that the establishment's chef has twenty-five (25) years  
of restaurant experience.

There was no further remonstrance presented in favor or in  
opposition to this petition.

- \*3. Ordinance #2010-03, CHAPTER 28, Zoning,  
Articles I through XI, Divisions 1 through 6,  
Sections 28-1 through 28-411, (various  
amendments to the Zoning Ordinance), **2<sup>nd</sup>  
reading for adoption (continued from March  
31, 2010 concerning sections 28-150 (j) and  
28-153)**

Parella/Barboza - Voted unanimously  
to continue this public hearing  
until the regular meeting of May  
26, 2010.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Solicitor Ursillo noted that  
there remained additional work to be done on this ordinance  
and that this should be complete prior to the meeting of May  
26, 2010.

#### D. ORDINANCES

- 1. Ordinance #2010-09, CHAPTER 16, Motor  
Vehicles and Traffic, Article IX, Residential  
Parking, Section, 16-343, Residential parking

zone (Columban Drive), **2<sup>nd</sup> reading for adoption**

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to consider this action to constitute the Second Reading for adoption of Ordinance #2010-09. Advertise in local newspaper.

**(CA) E. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve these adjustments."**

1. Tax Assessor Spagnolo re Recommended Abatements & Additions for April, 2010

**(CA) F. APPOINTMENTS**

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve advertising these Appointments."**

1. Public Service Appointments
  - a. Assistant Harbor Master (term to expire in 1/2011)
    1. Robert B. West, Jr., 6 Old Orchard Farm Road - interest/appointment

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to arrange an interview for this candidate.
  - b. Planning Board (2) (terms to expire 4/2013)
    1. Armand G. Bilotti, 2 Stephen Drive - interest/reappointment
    2. Kenneth J. Marshall, 2 Marshall Court - interest/reappointment

Councilman Cordeiro nominated Messrs. Bilotti and Marshall for reappointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted  
unanimously to close nominations  
and to instruct the Clerk to cast  
one ballot each in favor of Messrs.  
Bilotti and Marshall, terms to  
expire in April, 2013.

c. Police Pension Fund - Board of Trustees  
(term to expire 4/2013)

1. Raymond J. Dutelle, Jr., 256 High  
Street - interest/reappointment

Councilman Cordeiro nominated Mr. Dutelle for reappointment.

There were no counter-nominations.

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted  
unanimously to close nominations  
and to instruct the Clerk to cast  
one ballot in favor of Mr. Dutelle,  
term to expire in April, 2013.

d. Board of Tenants' Affairs

1. Lorraine Magee, 1014 Hope Street,  
Apt. GA-1 - resignation

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to accept the  
resignation with regret, instruct  
the Clerk to send a letter of  
thanks for service and also to  
advertise for candidates.

e. Animal Shelter Capital Project Committee

1. Harold E. Tucker, 10 Noyes Avenue -  
interest/appointment

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to instruct the Clerk  
to arrange an interview for this  
candidate.

f. Historic District Commission - Auxiliary  
Member (to fill vacancy term to expire  
7/2010)



1. Harold E. Tucker, 10 Noyes Avenue - interest/appointment

**Late Item**

2. Sara Butler, 133 Windward Lane - interest/appointment

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to arrange an interview for these candidates.

G. LICENSING BOARD - NEW PETITIONS

1. Edward Shea, President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Story Theatre, 28 Market Street, Warren - request for a Dancing and Entertainment License to hold performances at the State House, 240 High Street between June 3 and June 27, 2010

a. Recommendation - Chief of Police

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies. (It is hereby noted for the record that payment of the license fee is waived by ordinance.)

2. Uzma Baig and Zaheer Abbas, d/b/a Midland Farms, 429 Wood Street - request to amend hours of operation (Holiday Sales License)

a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted to deny the request. Voting in favor of this motion were Council Chairman Marshall, Councilwoman Parella and Councilmen Cordeiro and Herreshoff. Voting opposed was Councilman Barboza.

Prior to the vote taken, the petitioner appeared before the Council and requested that he be allowed to remain open until 12:00 o'clock midnight since his establishment will accept the "Unicard" from Roger Williams University students and that no other establishment is accepting this card.

He also explained that other establishments in the vicinity remain open until 1:00 o'clock AM and that he is not serving alcoholic beverages only food and convenience items. He explained that his business is not noisy nor does it provide music.

The petitioner also explained that his customers, many of them college students, have requested the extended hours of operation and that he would appreciate the opportunity to accommodate their request.

Councilman Herreshoff expressed concern that the patrons visiting the establishment at late hours may be disruptive to the area neighbors. He noted that it is the general practice of the Council to consider the local residents.

Responding to questions posed, Police Chief Canario explained that his department issued a negative recommendation on this matter because there are already several other establishments in the area with late hours and that these can be sometimes problematic for the police department. Police Chief Canario theorized that an additional hour of operation would likely not gain many advantages to the petitioner or his customers but it may be problematic for the police force.

Police Chief Canario also noted that Stop and Shop and the Shell gasoline station are open for 24 hours and that neither establishment is part of a residential neighborhood.

The petitioner noted that the local "bars" are open until 1:00 o'clock AM and that he hears noise emanating from these establishments.

Councilman Barboza suggested a "compromise" and made a motion to increase the hours of operation by one-half hour (until 11:30 o'clock PM). There was no second.

The petitioner informed the Council that his college student customers are not noisy nor are they troublesome. He reminded the Council that he sells only food, candy, and snacks.

Councilwoman Parella noted that she disagrees with the petitioner and that the Council is aware that students can be both noisy and troublesome.

3. Uzma Baig and Zaheer Abbas, d/b/a Midland Farms, 429 Wood Street - request to amend hours of operation (Victualling License)

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted to deny the request. Voting in favor of this motion were Council Chairman Marshall, Councilwoman Parella and Councilmen Cordeiro and Herreshoff. Voting opposed was Councilman Barboza.

4. Ruth Vermilyea, d/b/a East Bay Consignment, 156 Bay View Avenue - request for a Junk and Second Hand Dealer's License to sell furniture consignments and used books (see item C1 also)

*It is hereby noted for the record that action on this agenda item took place as part of agenda item C1 as noted above*

5. Karen A. Alegria, d/b/a King Philip Inn, 400 Metacom Avenue - request for transfer of BV Intoxicating Beverage License to Accommodating Corp., Joao DaSilva, a/k/a John DaSilva, d/b/a Up On The Roof Banquet Facility (see item C2 also)

*It is hereby noted for the record that action on this agenda item took place as part of agenda item C2 as noted above*

6. Andrew J. Tine, 251 Thames Street - request for a Private Investigator's License

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

7. Anthony Poissant, d/b/a Common Pub & Grille, 421 Wood Street - request for a Sidewalk Use License

- Late Item**            a.     (Anthony Poissant) re sketch of area  
planned for use

Herreshoff/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to deny this request.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Cordeiro observed that the sidewalk in question was a busy one.

Town Solicitor Ursillo noted that the ordinance requires approval of the Chief of Police.

Police Chief Canario agreed with the Councilman Cordeiro that this was a busy sidewalk. Police Chief Canario also observed that the interior of the establishment has "plenty of space" and that the idea of having outdoor tables on the public sidewalk was a "recipe for a problem."

Councilwoman Parella asked to know if the proprietor's goal was to "become more of a restaurant" and if so she would generally favor the license. She also noted that she walked by the establishment recently and that the business appeared to be changing. She noted that the nearby Van's spa has outdoor seating.

Councilman Cordeiro stated that the drawing provided by the petitioner appeared to be lacking sufficient detail.

Police Chief Canario noted that Van's establishment is very different serving mostly breakfast and lunch and that the seating inside is very limited.

Councilwoman Parella observed that outdoor seating appears popular despite the abundance of automotive exhaust fumes found near certain sidewalk establishments.

Councilman Barboza agreed that the sketch provided by the petitioner was inadequate.

Town Solicitor Ursillo noted that the Council could consider another request from this petitioner in the future.

8.     William Hicks, d/b/a The Knotty Dog, 31  
Bradford Street - request for a Holiday Sales  
License

- Late Item**            a.     Recommendation - Town Administrator and  
Chief of Police

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted to grant this license based upon the recommendation received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies. Voting in favor of this motion were Councilmen Marshall, Cordeiro, Barboza, and Herreshoff. Councilwoman Parella abstained.

- Add Item** 9. Michael J. Ferreira, d/b/a Gillary's, 198 Thames Street - request for a One-Day Dancing and Entertainment License, May 2, 2010

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to grant this license based upon the receipt of a positive recommendation from the Police Chief and also subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

Prior to the vote taken, the petitioner thanked the Council for hearing this matter. He also congratulated the Clerk for having a good license program.

Town Administrator Mederos reported that she and Police Chief Canario were in favor of the granting of this license.

H. LICENSING BOARD - RENEWALS

1. Dog Kennel License renewals for 2010-2011

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

- Late Item** b. Supplemental Dog Kennel License Renewal petition

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to grant these licenses based upon the recommendations received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

(CA) I. UTILITY PETITIONS

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve these petitions."**

1. DPW - Road Cut Permits

J. PETITIONS - OTHER

1. Nancy E. Dobie, Rhode Island Ocean Tides Senior Games - request to present information re 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to receive and place  
this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Ms. Dobie appeared before the Council, explained the program for this year and introduced those committee members present.

2. Lorraine N. Rosenberg, 6 Prenda Lane - request permission to remove tree located on Town property

- a. Lorraine N. Rosenberg, 6 Prenda Lane - request to continue above matter to May 5, 2010

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted  
unanimously to continue this matter  
until the meeting of May 5, 2010  
and also to forward a copy of this  
petition to the Tree Warden.

3. Gerard M. DeCelles, for New England Ambulance Service, Inc. re notice of claim

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously  
to refer this matter to Town  
Solicitor Ursillo and the  
Interlocal Trust.

K. OTHER NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

1. Eric Martin, Committee 100, Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum - invitation to participate in Pilgrim Monument Centennial Celebration on August 5, 2010 (response due by May 1<sup>st</sup>)

Cordeiro/Barboza - Voted  
unanimously to instruct the Clerk  
to contact the Bristol Train of  
Artillery and ask that organization  
to represent the Town at these  
festivities if possible.

2. Jeffrey M. Willis, Deputy Director, Coastal Resources Management Council re public hearing scheduled for consideration of proposed changes to the Coastal Resources Management Program of RI on May 11, 2010

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to receive and place  
this matter on file.

3. Norman Lowrey, 480 Metacom Avenue re suggestions for promoting new businesses to locate in Bristol

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted  
unanimously to forward this message  
to the Town Economic Development  
Commission and provide a letter of  
thanks to Mr. Lowrey.

4. Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent, Bristol Warren Regional School District - invitation to attend a presentation by the Future Enrollment and Facilities Task Force re recommendations concerning potential overcrowding of elementary schools on April 15, 2010

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously  
to receive and place this matter on  
file.

5. Jose E. Faria, President, Knights of Corte Reais, et al - invitation to honor Manuel C. "Manny" Correia as a distinguished journalist on April 16, 2010

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to instruct the Clerk  
to provide a Council Commendation  
to Mr. Correia on behalf of the  
Town.

6. Stephen Elmasian, Co-Chairman, Armenian National Committee of Rhode Island - request to fly Armenian Flag (April 24, 2010)

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to grant this request.

7. Jeanne-Marie Napolitano, Mayor, City of Newport - invitation to attend Aquidneck Island National Police Parade on May 2, 2010

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously  
to receive and place this matter on  
file.

8. Nancy L. Mello, Tiverton Town Clerk - request for consideration of resolution in support of proposed legislation authorizing RI cities and towns to postpone budget and financial town meetings for FY 2010-2011

Cordeiro/Parella - Voted  
unanimously to support this  
resolution. Inform the local  
General Assembly Delegation.

9. Patti Cofield, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Susan Lusi, Portsmouth School Department re resolution in opposition to RIDE's proposed funding formula

Parella/Barboza - Voted unanimously  
to empower the Chairman, the Clerk,  
and Chairman of the Joint Finance  
Committee to draft the Council's  
position regarding this matter and  
provide same to the various state  
authorities.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall noted that it would be appropriate to discuss the proposed State Aid to Education funding formula at this time.

The Clerk noted receipt of a draft resolution as provided by Marjorie McBride, Vice-chairman of the Regional School Committee. This resolution was considered by the Committee at its meeting held on April 12, 2010.

Town Administrator Mederos reported that the Warren Town Council considered this matter at a recent meeting and that



Town Manager Paduch drafted a letter in opposition to the proposed formula.

Council Chairman Marshall suggested that the Town might provide information in one "package" and that the Clerk would compile same on behalf of the Town.

Diana Campbell, a member of the Regional School Committee, informed the Council that the thrust of the School Committee's resolution is that the funding formula, as proposed by Commissioner Deborah A. Gist, was unfair and inadequate.

Council Chairman Marshall suggested that the Town's opposition to the Gist plan should be sent to the legislature, Board of Regents member Angus Davis, Commissioner Gist and the remainder of the Regents.

10. Bond Counsel re Borrowing Resolutions

Parella/Barboza - Voted unanimously to adopt these resolutions as prepared and presented.

11. Roy Leffingwell, Scoutmaster, Troop 6, Boy Scouts of America re announcement of Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Kyle Porto on May 16, 2010

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to prepare an appropriate commendation for presentation to Mr. Porto.

12. Denny Dart, Chief, Water Enforcement, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to Town Administrator Mederos re SSES Supplement and Capacity Assessment Reports

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to receive and place this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Administrator Mederos reported that the Town has asked for an extension and that the response is due on June 14, 2010.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that during the recent storm damage tour with U. S. Senator Jack Reed, he noted that the Town had communicated with Mr. H. Curtis Spalding, Regional

Director of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (see item R25). Council Chairman Marshall noted that Sen. Reed suggests that the Congressional delegation should be contacted if Mr. Spalding does not reply to the request.

Town Administrator Mederos suggested that the Council may wish to schedule a workshop in order to discuss this matter with the representatives of BETA Group.

13. Councilman Herreshoff re Clean Bristol

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to receive and place  
this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff noted that his was a "constructive comment" and that the Town should always be "on the lookout" for ways to improve its procedures.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that the grounds at Roger Williams University are pristinely clean and that the Town should emulate this cleanliness. He suggested that Council Members, etc. should tour the grounds at Roger Williams University to see first-hand his observations.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested further that the Town might procure backpack vacuum cleaners for use on downtown sidewalks since the current use of blowers is counter-productive.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that the Town is much cleaner than it had been in the past and that the effort to remove litter was successful. He noted that he once visited Maui and that the island was strewn with litter.

Town Administrator Mederos agreed with Councilman Herreshoff that there was always room for improvement and reminded the Council that the Public Works Department was busily occupied with the aftermath of the flood.

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that Town Administrator Mederos might consider a "pilot program" from State to Bradford Streets. He also noted that European shopkeepers wash the sidewalks in front of their establishments.

14. Councilman Herreshoff re Beautiful Bristol

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted  
unanimously to instruct the Clerk

to send a letter of thanks to BJ Stephens, President of the Garden Club.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff noted that the Garden Clubs take pride in beautifying the Town and suggested that the Council might provide a letter in acknowledgment of same.

L. BILLS & EXPENDITURES

1. Bid #697 - Wall Mounted Air Conditioner System

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to refer this matter to the Town Administrator to act in the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk reported that there were no bids received.

(CA) M. ROUTINE REPORTS

(CA) N. FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place this item on file."**

1. Town Treasurer Day re Monthly/Quarterly Report Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2010
2. (Town Treasurer Day) re Revenue and Expenditure Statement, April 9, 2010

P. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

1. Proclamation - Parks and Recreation, RIRPA 2009 Distinguished Department

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to adopt this proclamation as prepared and presented.

2. Commendation - Mt. Hope High School Winter Wrestling Varsity Team, Division II & Sectional Championship 2010

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted unanimously to adopt this

commendation as prepared and presented.

3. Commendation - Mt. Hope High School  
Gymnastics Varsity Team, Division II State  
Championship 2010

Barboza/Cordeiro - Voted  
unanimously to adopt this  
commendation as prepared and  
presented.

**(CA)** R. DISTRIBUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS (to be received and  
filed by Council)

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place  
these items on file."**

1. Class F Intoxicating Beverage License - St.  
Elizabeth Banda Filarmonica, 120 Franklin  
Street; fundraising dinner, March 27, 2010
2. Geri Manning, Director of Development,  
Cornerstone Adult Services, Inc. re thank you  
for support
3. John E. Lanni, Jr., Cranston Council  
President re resolution in support of  
establishing a "Blue Alert" program in the  
State of Rhode Island
4. John E. Lanni, Jr., Cranston Council  
President re resolution in support of  
encouraging the return of the America's Cup  
challenge to Newport
5. Leigh Botello, East Greenwich Town Clerk re  
resolution in support of encouraging the  
return of the America's Cup challenge to  
Newport
6. Town Clerk Cirillo to Gregg Landes, Vice  
President, Project Manager, Weaver's Cove  
Energy re request for additional information  
concerning the Weaver's Cove/Hess LNG  
proposal
7. Terrence Mercer, Associate Administrator,  
Motor Carriers Section, RI Division of Public  
Utilities and Carriers re notice of public

hearing to be held on April 6, 2010 for consideration of the application of Newporttravel, LLC requesting to operate a round-trip jitney service between Newport and Colt State Park

8. Resolution in support of H 7278, H 7777, H7277, H 7280, and S 2349; legislative amendments to protect Rhode Island's Cities and Towns and their Public Officials and Employees (signed copy)
9. Resolution in opposition to S 2603; legislative amendment mandating expired teacher contracts must continue all the existing terms and conditions of employment (signed copy)
10. Warrants - Board of Fire Engineers
11. Warrant - John Evans, Harbor Commission
12. Warrant - David F. Miller, Harbor Commission
13. Warrant - David R. Simoes, Zoning Board of Review
14. Warrant - Charles Alexandre, Board of Canvassers
15. Authorizing Resolution re CDBG application (signed copy)
16. Anne M. Irons, CMC, Narragansett Town Clerk re resolution in support of establishing a "Blue Alert" program in the State of Rhode Island
17. Kathleen Viera Beaudoin, Portsmouth Town Clerk re resolution in support of H 7014; bridge safety
18. Nell Carpenter, Architectural Accessibility Fellow, RI Governor's Commission on Disabilities re accessibility inspection report for open meetings at Town Hall Council Chambers
19. Rep. Douglas W. Gablinske to Michael Lewis, Director, Department of Transportation -

request for status report concerning Hope Street project

20. Jonathan Stone, Executive Director, Save The Bay re thank you for support concerning opposition to LNG proposal
21. Coastal Resources Management Council - April 2010 Calendar
22. Tina W. Freeman, CMC, Foster Town Clerk - resolution in support of encouraging the return of the America's Cup Races to the City of Newport and resolution in opposition to S 2603; legislative amendment mandating expired teacher contracts must continue all the existing terms and conditions of employment
23. Warrant - Eric Hertfelder, Historic District Commission
24. Warrant - Anthony B. Morettini, Conservation Commission
25. Town Administrator Mederos and Town Clerk Cirillo to H. Curtis Spalding, Environmental Protection Agency - request for opportunity to discuss water quality issues
26. Town Administrator Mederos to Richard Coelho, R.A. Coelho Construction Company re award of Bid #695 - Picnic Tables
27. Town Administrator Mederos to Yardworks, Inc. re award of Bid # 694 - Replacement Tree Planting, Independence Park
28. Warrant - Herculano Falcoa, Alternate Member to the Board of Canvassers
29. Louise R. Phaneuf, Burrillville Town Clerk re resolution in support of H 7278, H 7777, H7277, H 7280, and S 2349; legislative amendments to protect Rhode Island's Cities and Towns and their Public Officials and Employees
30. Coastal Resources Management Council - April 2010 Calendar (Amended 4-2-10)

31. Coastal Resources Management Council - April 2010 Calendar (Amended 4-5-10)
32. Richard B. Iannitelli, Chairperson, Smithfield School Committee re resolution in opposition to H 7581; legislative amendment mandating binding arbitration for teacher and other school employee contracts
33. Richard B. Iannitelli, Chairperson, Smithfield School Committee re resolution in opposition to S 2603; legislative amendment mandating expired teacher contracts must continue all the existing terms and conditions of employment
34. Louise R. Phaneuf, Burrillville Town Clerk re resolution in opposition to S 2603; legislative amendment mandating expired teacher contracts must continue all the existing terms and conditions of employment
35. Frank T. Caprio, General Treasurer to Gov. Donald L. Carcieri - request to file an additional claim for federal disaster relief for Bristol County
36. Bristol County Water Authority re Board of Directors (3-15-10)
37. Town Clerk Cirillo to Ellen Winsor, Jamestown Town Council re thank you for correspondence concerning the LNG plan proposed by Weaver's Cove
38. Town Solicitor Ursillo to Jennifer Pagliuca, Smith-Barney re response to question of conflict concerning Jeffrey Luiz's current employment and service on the Post Retirement Benefits Fund - Board of Trustees
39. Anne M. Irons, CMC, Narragansett Town Clerk re resolution in support of encouraging the return of the America's Cup challenge to Newport
40. Andy Arruda, Owner, TDR Properties, 84 Cutler Street, Warren to Pasquale DeLise, Executive Director, Bristol County Water Authority -

request to be placed on agenda re Fire  
Service bill

**(CA)** RR. DISTRIBUTIONS/NOTICE OF MEETINGS  
(office copy only)

**Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place  
these items on file."**

1. North and East Burial Grounds Commission -  
April 26, 2010
2. Fire Department (& Rescue/Training  
Headquarters) Capital Project Committee -  
March 25, 2010
3. Bristol Warren Regional School District -  
Schedule of Meetings, Week of March 29, 2010
4. Bristol Warren Regional School District -  
Schedule of Meetings, Week of March 29, 2010  
(April 5, 2010)
5. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee  
Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee - April  
5, 2010
6. Charter Review Commission - April 13, 2010
7. Fire Department (& Rescue/Training  
Headquarters) Capital Project Committee -  
April 8, 2010
8. Bristol County Water Authority/Audit Finance  
Committee - April 7, 2010
9. Bristol County Water Authority/Engineering  
Committee - April 7, 2010
10. Bristol County Water Authority/Public  
Relations/Personnel Committee - April 7, 2010
11. Bristol County Water Authority/Board of  
Directors - April 14, 2010
12. Recreation Board - April 13, 2010
13. Bristol Warren Regional School District -  
Schedule of Meetings, Week of April 12, 2010



14. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee -  
Workshop/Meeting, April 12, 2010
15. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee  
Future Enrollment & Facilities Task Force -  
April 15, 2010

S. TOWN SOLICITOR

Z. INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

1. MARSHALL

a. Thank You Mike Davis - Council Chairman  
Marshall thanked Mr. Davis for taping this  
evenings meeting providing same for television  
distribution.

2. CORDEIRO

a. Flood Remediation - Councilman Cordeiro  
echoed the sentiments expressed at the beginning  
of the meeting by Council Chairman Marshall noting  
that the various departments did an "outstanding"  
job with the flood emergency.

3. PARELLA

a. Flood Patience - Councilwoman Parella  
commended the public for being patient with the  
forthcoming flood assistance. She also noted that  
the Town's reaction in this emergency has been  
superior.

4. BARBOZA

a. Flood Comments - Councilman Barboza agreed  
with the previous speakers that the flood reaction  
on the part of the Town has been commendable.

b. Bay View Avenue - Councilman Barboza asked if  
Bay View Avenue will be striped with Public Works  
Director Serbst responding that the street is due  
for repaving and will be re-striped once the  
paving is completed.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that Michael  
Andrade Way was in need of repair with Public  
Works Director Serbst reminding the Council that  
this is a private road and that the landlord is

assessing the damage caused by the flood and determining a course of action regarding same.

Councilman Barboza suggested that the owner of Michael Andrade Way might consider striping that road also.

5. HERRESHOFF

a. Flood Response - Councilman Herreshoff agreed that the flood response has been excellent. He credited the Chairman with bringing in Senator Reed, etc., with Council Chairman Marshall noting that the flood response was a team effort with all Town Departments and Town Administrator Mederos doing their part also.

b. Ferry Road Bumps - Councilman Herreshoff noted that the Ferry Road repaving is bumpy as predicted and asked Public Works Director Serbst what might be done to repair same with Public Works Director Serbst responding that the road is the responsibility of the State and that a possible solution would be to await the remaining settling and grind and repave the top of the surface.

Public Works Director Serbst also stated that the contractor of the job, Cardi Corporation, is well regarded and had completed several repaving jobs for the Town with success. He noted that he would speak to the Cardi people concerning Ferry Road.

ZZ. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA ITEM(S)

a. Transfer Station Fee Waiver - Town Administrator Mederos reported that the Transfer Station will operate on Saturday, April 17, 2010 with no fee expected from those persons dropping off flood damaged materials. Town Administrator Mederos also reported that the same was true for the previous Saturday and there were many persons bringing in refuse. Town Administrator Mederos noted that the Public Works personnel and police on site during the previous Saturday did an excellent job.

b. Permit Fee Waiver - Town Administrator Mederos reported that the fees for building permits for flood-related damage will be waived.

c. FEMA - Town Administrator Mederos reported that the FEMA response has been very prompt.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that those in need may dial 211 on the telephone with Town Administrator Mederos reporting that 211 representatives are on staff at the emergency response center at the Fire Department headquarters.

d. U. S. Census - Town Administrator Mederos noted that the census collection rate is at 71% and this is well ahead of the 2000 Census rate. She reported that the deadline for returning the mail questionnaire was approaching and that the Census-takers will be calling on households once the deadline has passed.

Town Administrator Mederos also noted that the cost to obtain census information for the government is expensive if residents do not return the mail questionnaire (\$60 each versus \$.42).

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**CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM**

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There being no further business upon a motion by Councilman Barboza, seconded by Councilwoman Parella and voted unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be adjourned at 10:08 o'clock PM.

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Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk